

1486

Dias rounded Cape of
Good Hope.

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Columbus approached the Spanish Crown for support to finance a voyage - a western route to the East.

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Columbus met King Ferdinand
and Queen Isabella of Spain.
for the 1st time

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Bartholomew Diaz rounds
Cape of Good Hope
Frederick III procures election of
his son Maximilian as king
of the Romans

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Duncan; Cal

Portuguese sailors found
Angola.

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SPANISH INQUISITION

Torquemada, appointed Grand Inquisitor in 1486, attempted to make the Inquisition effective and, while working under the commonly accepted criminal code and procedure of his day, introduced the law of 1492 whereby the Jews were given a choice of becoming Christians or exiles. This caused great hardships to the Jews and led to open

persecution and widespread abuses. It worked
to the detriment of Spain, and, while the
number of its victims has been exaggerated
historically, the Inquisition was a ruthless
tool of both zealots and political self-seekers.
It continued, with vastly changed and
controlled procedures, in Spain until the
early 19th Century.